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Dear Sir:

In accordance with applicant's duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, please find attached hereto form PTO-1449 listing information which may be material to the patentability of this application.

Also enclosed are copies of the following patents:

U.S. Patent No. 4,564,011 to Leon Goldman which issued on January 14, 1986, titled LASER OPTIC DEVICE AND METHOD.

U.S. Patent No. 4,587,972 to Bernardo D. Morantte, Jr. which issued on May 13, 1986, titled DEVICE FOR DIAGNOSTIC AND THERAPEUTIC INTRAVASCULAR INTERVENTION.

U.S. Patent No. 4,852,567 to Edward L. Sinofsky which issued on August 1, 1989, titled LASER TIPPED CATHETER.

U.S. Patent No. 5,053,033 to Richard H. Clarke which issued on October 1, 1991, titled INHIBITION OF RESTENOSIS BY ULTRAVIOLET RADIATION.

U.S. Patent No. 5,161,526 to Hellwing et al., which issued on November 10, 1992, titled METHOD OF TREATING OF BLEEDING IN HEMOPHILIACS.

U.S. Patent No. 5,531,739 to Mario A. Trelles which issued on July 2, 1996, titled METHOD OF TREATING VEINS.

U.S. Patent No. 5,707,403 to Grove et al., which issued on January 13, 1998, titled METHOD FOR THE LASER TREATMENT OF SUBSURFACE BLOOD VESSELS.

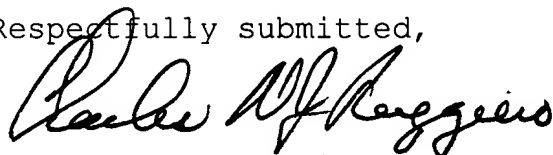
Spanish Patent No. P9701586 to Salat et al., which issued on July 16, 1997 titled ENDOLUMINAL ELECTROCOAGULATOR FOR VARICOSE-VEIN OPERATIONS.

The aforementioned documents do not appear to describe or suggest that which is recited by the claims of the present invention.

Since this Statement is being submitted within three months of the filing date of this application and no Action has issued, no petition or fee is required.

It should be understood that attention has been called to the references that have been deemed to be pertinent to the claimed present invention. In concluding what was pertinent, the criteria employed was considered most appropriate in light of the invention shown in the present application. However, the Examiner or others may deem some other criteria to be just as appropriate or more appropriate. Therefore, the Examiner is respectfully urged to review the listed references and to make the usual careful independent search for other prior art that may be pertinent.

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